

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
MICHINORI SHINKAI, ET AL. ) : Examiner: B. K. Talbot  
Application No.: 10/582,920 ) : Group Art Unit: 1715  
Filed: June 13, 2006 ) : Confirmation No.: 9223  
For: WIRE FORMING METHOD ) : June 8, 2010

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Office Action dated March 8, 2010, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: